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Dear Mr. Shaver:

Thank you for your letter of 5 December 1983.

If we correctly understand your position, your feeling is that we should refrain from informing the local community of the options under study until the environmental assessment is completed. If the delay between the design report and the assessment were not on the order of a quarter of a year, we might agree with you.

However, we have been dealing with the community on this issue for two years and have developed some strong feelings on the subject based on past experience. The key to maintaining an objective dialogue with the community has proven to be frequent meetings. If information is provided too infrequently, unrest and suspicion are revitalized.

At present we still plan to disseminate the design report to the community when it is completed so that the community can be reassured that reasonable options are being considered. The potential problem with this approach is that the community will voice serious objections to some options. However, this is also a virtue as it does us no good to assess options that are totally unacceptable to the community nor, for that matter, options which will ultimately be modified to make them acceptable.

We would ask once more that you review the options for accelerating work on the environmental assessment. If the delay between submission of the design report and assessment were shortened, your thought on delaying public meetings until completion of both might be acceptable. If we can be of further assistance in expediting the assessment by providing additional funding, please advise.

With regard to the 120-day schedule of Dewberry and Davis, it is requested that the project schedule be reconfirmed to assure that the review time required by your Department has been included. Recent discussions among our representatives have led us to believe that additional time will be required to deliver the design report because insufficient time has been included in the

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schedule for your reviews. It is important that we maintain the confidence of the citizens sitting on the Traffic Advisory Committee. Being able to reliably predict project milestones is one facet of maintaining that confidence.

We would like to emphasize that we continue to be impressed by the cooperation and support rendered by the members of your Department with whom we are associating. Any additional support you can provide them in expediting their work is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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